PREPARATIONS BY CAPITALISTS.

A VAST NUMBER OF BUILDINGS ALREADY ERECTED -DWELLING-HOUSE HOTELS-BOARDING IN PRI-VATE HOUSES-THE HOTELS ENLARGED-LARGE TEMPORARY HOTELS.

FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24 .- A year ago the friends of the Centennial Exhibition were seriously alarmed lest the success of the great undertaking should be jeopardized by the lack of accommodation for visitors. The local newspapers complained long and loudly of the lack of public spirit among capitalists, and made doleful prophecies of the results of their refusal to put money into new hotel enterprises. People would either have to go to New York for a night's lodgings, they said, or sleep on the inhospitable white marble steps of this "City of Homes." Two or three projects for grand hotels were successively broached and successively abandoned for want of funds. Meanwhile THE TRIBUNE advocated the dwelling-house hotel system as the only one which could be improvised in a short time, and which, with good management, would be sure to be profitable. Month after month went by, and no movement of any kind crystallized. Spring came without the least sign of an attempt to add to the exceedingly meager hotel accommodations of the city. The aced had been sown, however, by the newspaper discussion, and was germinating in the slow and sure Philadel-phia fashion. In the Summer a number of gigantic enbeen-scented reporters, eager for items, did not discover their existence until they were well advanced. Cel. lecuvery, these enterprises are so extensive that they remove all cause for further anxiety as to how the throngs that will pour into Philadelphia next year from all parts of the civilized world are to be lodged and fed. They divide themselves into four classes: First, dwelling-house hotels, composed of one or more blocks of houses, designed to be sold or leased for dwellings after the close of the Exhibition, and provided with temporary structures for dining-rooms, parlors, &c.; second, new hotels of the usual models, some being large structures of cheap con-struction intended for use only during the Centennial year, and others, permanent buildings of smaller dimenmons; third, extensions of the old hotels; and fourth, system of lodgings in private houses controlled by a com-

The dwelling house hotel offers many advantages. It can be built on cheap ground in the suburbs, where nebody would be willing to invest money in a five-story edifice. When no longer needed for hotel purposes, the houses are if anything more salable than at first, because the neighborhood has been brought into notice. Guests enjoy semething of the privacy of a home while in their rooms, or can plunge into the bustle of hotel life by stepping into the great dining-room or the public parlors. A family or a party of friends can have a ho all to themselves, with the comforts and seclusion of home, taking their meals in their own dining-room, or going to the general table, as it suits them best. There are five of these projects now well advanced toward com-pletion. Two of the houses will be opened on the first of January. Each has special advantages. DWELLING-HOUSE HOTELS.

The largest is the Grand Union, close by the crossing of the New-York Division of the Pennsylvania Raiiroad and the Germantown Railroad, in the northern part of the city. Ninety houses, built in three rows, furnish the eleeping-rooms and private parlors-sixty are three stories in hight, with stone fronts, and bay windows on two sides, and thirty are small two-story brick cottages. In all there are 850 rooms. Between two of the rows the ground is occupied by a large one-story dining-hall, with a two-story structure fronting on Cambria-st., for office, pariors, reception-rooms, &c. Every house has a bath-room, and every room an electric bell communicating with the office. North of the hotel the country stretches away in pastures and woodlands. Southward the city lies—a ten-mile long expanse of red-brick. An old-time mansion, with eight acres of shaded grounds close by the hotel, has been leased for promenading and eroquet, and immediately adjoining there is a field of 16 acres for military camps. Trains will run to the Exhibition grounds in ten minutes, and there is direct access to the city by horse or steam cars in about half an hour. The Grand Union is expected to be largely patrenized by military organizations and civic societies A Connecticut regiment has already engaged the camp ground, and a New-York regiment is negotiating for it. The landlord is Col. Russell, a native of New-England, and of large experience in managing hotels. The house will be kept on the American plan, charges ranging from \$2 50 to \$4 per day.

The best-arranged and most favorably situated of all the dwelling-house hotels is that put up by Mr. R. J. Dobbins, the well-known contractor for the main Exhibition building and the Art Gallery. It is called the United States, and stands at the intersection of Columbia-ave., Forty-second and Viola-ste., within a stone's throw of one of the principal entrances to the Exhibition. Mr. Dobbins's first idea was to creet three or four houses to accommodate some of the foreign commissions, but hefore he began the work his plan expanded into one for ings, joined by a shorter row four stories high, of finer architectural appearance. The interior arrangement dis fers entirely from that of other hotels of the same class.

All the outside doors are walled up, the dividing walls are pierced in the center, the stairways and bails are left out, and temporary cross partitions put in so as to make a wide cerrider on each floor, running the whole length of each row of houses, with rooms opening from it on either hand. Guests will therefore not be obliged to go eut of doors to get to the hotel office and pariors. The dining-room is a two-story brick structure occupying a part of the court-yard. On the first floor is the gentle-men's ordinary, and on the second the ladies' ordinary. Two of the larger houses have been thrown together for the office and parlors. It will be seen that Mr. Dobbins's plan makes a roomy and comfortable hotel, which can be converted into dwellings after the Exhibition by a moderate amount of alteration. The other dwellinghouse hotel plans take one or more rows of houses, arranged throughout for dwellings, and separated by the usual partition walls, and use them for lodgings, erecting for offices, dining-rooms, &c., a disconnected structure. The United States will be opened soon after the 1st of January. Sixteen rooms have been engaged by the Japanese Commissioners, who will make the house their headquarters, and other foreign commissions will doubtless be installed there.

NEW HOTELS,
On Walnut-st., in West Philadelphia, a hotel to be called the Aubray House is nearly completed. It is composed of 26 houses in a single row, reaching from Thirty-second to Thirty-third-sts. The end houses and the two central ones have four stories and basements-the others three. The situation is excellent, being about half way between the Exhibition and the principal hotels and places of amusement, with access to both by two or three lines of street railway in less than half an hours' time. A three-story frame building back of the three central houses will contain on the first floor the kitchens, on the second a dining-room 50x200 feet, and on the third the servant's quarters. 50x200 feet, and on the third the servant's quarters. The Anbrey House will be kept on the European plan, and will have accommodations for about 400 guests.

A row of 20 large new houses at the corner of Seventeenth and Diamond-sis, not far from the Odd Fellows Cemetery, is being converted into a hotel. A hall has been opened the whole length of the row by cutting off the front of the first floor-rooms and making arches in the partition walls on both sides of the vestibules. A spacious passage is thus afforded from end to end of the block, from which the halls of the separate houses open transversely. The number of rooms in this hotel will be about 200. It will be well suited to the wants of families who expect to make a long stay, and desire quarters out of 4the busile of the city, and at the same time not too far away from the Centennial grounds and the evening anusements. Other dwelling house hotel projects will no doubt be formed during the Winter and in the early figure.

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West of the Exhibition grounds, in the suburb of Hestonville, there will be another dwelling-house hotel of large dimensions, to be called the "Centennial Home." It will consist of 140 small houses, built in three rows, at the intersection of Lancaster and Fairmount-aves. In one of the rows the houses will contain 8 rooms each, in another 7, and in the third 5. In each there will be a bath-room. The duing-room and kitchen will be in a temporary frame structure between two of the blocks. Street ears will run from the hotel door to the city and to the Exhibition, and the latter can be reached in a ten minutes' walk. The "Centennial Home" will be well adapted for visitors who seek to economize, and will be attained with plain accommodations. Exhibitors and their employes will also paironize it on account of its convenient location.

In the second of the three classes of hotel enterprises I have enumerated—namely, new structures on the usur reason of its coormous size and the astonishing rapidity with which it has been run up. It is said to be the largest hostelry in the world, and we may well believe the statement when one learns that there are, in round numbers, 1,000 rooms in the building. The Globe stands nearly opposite the chief entrance to the Exhibition—or rather one end of it stands there—the hage façade extending along Forty-fourth-st. for the distance of 520 feet. Four wings, each 220 feet long, connect with the main structure, and between two of them there is a kitchen of corrugated iron, 80x160 feet, with a kille full of corrugated iron, 80x160 feet, with a kille full of instance of the corrugated iron, 80x160 feet, with a kille full of instance of the state of Lower California will become an integral portion of our union. A thorough knowledge of its characteristics is therefore desirable. The study and research necessary to acquire it should be entrusted to a special commission of men of acknowledged eminence in the departments of botany, toology, and mineralogy. The results of their labor would be of the utmost importance to part and smell. Outside as well as inside walls of the state of Lower California almost as unchologist.

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sons can be served at once. In external appearance, the Globe is massive, substantial, and picturesque, the architecture being of the old English style, with steep gables. As the building is to stand only until the Exhibition closes, the appearance of solidity is of course delusive. The whole affair is the lightest kind of "balloon work." There is ample protection against fire, however, and the frame is strong enough to endure all the strain that will be put upon it. The Globe will supply an important want, in furnishing at the Exhibition doors, and immediately adjoining the sisting of the Pennsylvania Railroad, fair hotel accommodations for the large number of people who make no arrangements for lodgings in advance of their coming. They will be pretty sure to find room there. It will be the principal resort of the thousands who will come to stay only a hight or two and to see the Exhibition on the run.

Across the way from this great caravansary is a solid brick building, the stories high, and of triangular form, which looks as if it had come to stay. Like its neighbor, however, it is only a temporary hotel. This is the Transcontinental, a branch of Philadelphia's best-known hotel, whose name it bears, clougated by a prefix. Mr. Kingslay, the landlord of the Continental, will manage it.

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In close proximity to the Exhibition there are at least a dozen small taverns, recently built or now going up. They are for the most part restaurants or beer saloons, with a few lodging rooms in their upper stories. While they are not worth naming separately, their sleeping accommodations in the aggregate will be equal to those of a single hotel of large dimensions.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE HOTELS. Arriving to the third division in my classification, l find that the proprietors of most of the old hotels were busy during the past Summer adding new accommodations and improving their old ones. The proprietor of the Continental has built 100 new sleeping rooms, has put in a new elevator in place of the old slow motion screw affair -one of the first in the country-which all travelers will remember. The house has also been renovated from top to bottom, electric bells put in all the rooms, and many other improvements made. The proprietor will have during the Centennial year, a unique advantage in con-ducting the Transcontinental Hotel adjoining the Exhibition grounds. His guests can take their choice between the two establishments, or can spend a portion of their time at one, and then be transferred without trouble or expense to the other. The price of board at the Continental is \$4 50 per day.

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Vosburg & Co. a few weeks ago. The new proprietors have returnished it throughout, reannexed a part of the original building that had been ent off and arranged for a small European hotel, and made many improvements in the interior arrangements. They have engaged 150 rooms in private houses in the vicinity to hold a part of the overflow of their house during the Centennial. Col. McKibbin thinks the Exhibition will last two years. From the number of letters he has already received from persons wishing to secure accommedations thus long in advace, he is convinced that the crowd of visitors will be so immense that in a single Summer and Fall not half of them can find lodgings in the city. The charge at the Girard is \$3.50 per day.

The St. Stephens Hotel, on Chestnut-st., above Teuth, has been reconstructed from busement to roof, considerably enlarged, and refurnished throughout, and is now among the most attractive of the smaller hotels. Its rate is \$3.50. Other good second-class houses (I use the term in reference to their prices rather than to the character of their accommodations) are the Colomade, at Chestnut and Pifteenth; the La Pierre, on Broad, near Chestnut, the Bingham, at Eleventh and Market, and the St. Cloud, on Arch-st., near Seventh. Among the hotels charging \$2 or \$2.50 a day which can be recommended are the American and Washington, on Chestnut-st.; the Merchantst, on Fourth-st., near Market, and the St. Elmo, on Arch-st., near Fourth. All these houses are making preparations for the rush of Centennial visitors. Some have built additions, and others have engaged the upper stories of neighboring buildings for sleeping-rooms. There is some talk among the proprietors of the old hotels of rasing their prices, but the general understanding is that the increase shall not exceed 50 cents per day, and that there shall be no increase unless the principal railroads centering in Philadelphia. This project has already been Intly described, and it need only be added that its success is fully assured, and that i

THE TREASURES OF LOWER CALIFORNIA.

A LAND THAT SUFFERS FOR LACK OF AMERICAN BRAINS AND AMERICAN CAPITAL-ITS GOLD, SIL-

VER, SALT, AND GUANO. Washington, Dec. 26.-The reports of the survey of the Lower California peninsula, recently made by the United States steamer Narragansett, contain many interesting facts relative to that country. Assistant Surgeon Thomas N. Streets, U. S. N., who had charge of the geological portion of the work, refers at length in his report to the geological formation of the peninsula and neighboring tslands, mineral products, &c. He says he found in St. Josef Island, in the Gulf of California, fossil, marine shells, imbedded in a kind of calcureous sandroel a hotel containing nearly 300 rooms. The building is on the mountains at least 1,000 feet above the present sea level. The identity of these fossils with the species now existing in the surrounding water is very evident forma, were sunk 1,000 or 1,500 feet below its present level it would no longer be a peninsula but an archipelage of islands. This was undoubtedly the exact position of things at the commencement of the post-pliocene epoch. The high, mountainous land at the southern extremity of the peninsula formed one large island, separate from the rest." Referring to the mineral wealth of the peninsula

he says:

The silver-bearing veins of Triumfo are two in number, and they run in a converging direction northerly and easterly. The present company produces bullion to the amount of \$50,000 per month. They have sufficient ore in sight in the mines already opened to treble or quadruple that sum. The mines are particularly rich. In our own country, all the silver-bearing veins have been found on the eastern slope, if the Sierra Nevada range. This fact has been adduced as a proce that this range of mountains is continuous with the mountains of Lower California. If this be the case, we may look to see gold being found on the western slope, as in Alia California. The copper mines of Purgatoria and Providencia are being very actively worked at present, and are yielding large quantities of very rich ore. Another source of wealth are the guano islands, and of these the principal is Isla Raza. A company commenced working here two years ago, and up to the present time they have removed 10,000 tons of the fertilizer. It is computed that there is in all 60,000 tons upon the strand, which is three-quarters of a mile iong and half a nile wide.

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Assistant Surgeon Edward Evers of the United States Navy alse submits a report upon mineralogy, botany salt deposits, &c. He says: "The mineral wealth of Lower California is wonderful, and embraces rich de posits of silver, gold, iron, copper, antimony, alauaster, etc. Traces of silver are found almost everywhere, and though few of the mines are worked they are numerous and rich." He refers to the richness of the mines at Triunfo, and says:

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The majority of the miners are Mexicons, though there is a goodly proportion of foreigners. All the officers of the Company, the chemist, the assaver, the captains of the Company, the chemist, the assaver, the captains of the mines, and the foremen are Americans of Europeans, not one a Mexican. The ore is brought from the mines on pack maies over distances of from six to twelve miles to the stamping mills, which are constantly in operation, being stopped only for repairs. The silver bars are sent to La Paz by waron, and thence shipped to San Francisco by schooner. Other mines could be worked with equal profit, but the high duties and the arbitrary and tyrannical measures of the Mexican Government prevent foreigners, the only persons who could possess the requisite capital, from investing there. Next to silver, copper ore, which is perhaps more abundant than any other metal, has been worked most successfully. The best mines are at Purgatorio and Inferno, whence the ore itself is transported to the scashore on pack andes, sometimes many leagues, to be shipped to San Francizco and to Europe. How wonderfully productive all these mines would become in the hands of an energetic and enterprising people, sure in the protection of a good government. But the want of security to capital, and the consequent want of protection to labor, is the great curse of that country. At the island of San Maries, above Mulege, is a rich mine of almonatore, which, if properly worked, ought to yield an immense profit.

The sail ingoon at Carmen Island is an interesting phenomenon in more than one respect. It is so rich that the whole earth may be supplied by it for area, if indeed it is not inextanestible. It is a mile and a haif in length and haif a mile wide, while its depth has not yet been ascertion of saw water, for it is connected with the occan, distant from it 400 yards, by three or four underground streams. The sail itself is perfectly pure and beautifuly cr

HOME NEWS.

THERMOMETER, YESTERDAY, AT HUDNUTS, IN BROADWAY. Pr. m. 38°. Noon, 40°. 3 n m. 40°. Midnisht, 40°. Hyghest during the day, 41°. Lowest, 37°. Average, 39°4°. Same day, 1874, 33°.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS. Exercit House.—Judge Lafayette S. Foster of Con-necticut... Fifth Asenue Hatel.—Lieut. Gov. H. O. Knight of Massachesetts and the Hon. William E. Chandler of New-Hampshire... Hofman House.—The Hon. Hendrick B. Wright of Pennsylvania. St. James Hotel.—Gen. Thomas J. Haines, U. S. Arney... Startevant House.—E. L. Davenport.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The first floating ice has appeared in the rivers. A tour of the markets is recommended to those who wish to become familiar with the appearance of wild four-footed game.

The little piece of bunting which announces forthcoming weather from the top of the Equitable building is a sig-nal flag 22 feet long. Boxes for receiving papers and pamphlets for the

use of patients in the different hospitals have been placed in the Fulton Ferry houses. During the past week three attempts have been made to burn the tenement house at Cortland ave. and One hundred and fifty sixth st.

Last week the police of the annexed district made a descent upon the unlicensed liquor dealers in the precinct, arresting many delinquents.

Mary Gammel of No. 184 Eldridge-st, fell on the Late on Saturday night the body of a male infant, about 2 months old, was found in the alley at No. 100 Park-st.
Mary Ann Smith was arrested on suspicion of having left the
body of the child where it was discovered.

Fog-horns and fog-bells made last night hideous. When the Brooklyn Bridge is finished a series of electric lights hung along its edge would be a good way to illumine the paths of the Ferry beats through the East River. The weather yesterday made everybody feel that

w of how he would look after he had filled his pockets with times a worth of half-pence and jumped into the Thames. Last week the police made 1,700 arrests, and the can of Vital Statistics reported 541 deaths, 454 births. and 78 marriages, showing an increase over the previous week of 49 deaths and 86 births, and a decrease of 59 mar

they had realized the deplorable picture which poor Mantalin

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union calls attention to the temptations of the holiday season—the setting of wine upon the table at New Year's receptions—and entreats each woman of the city to refrain from putting the glass to her A German member of an up-town benevolent so-

ciety, during a recent fit of sickness, was furnished with \$100 for needful expenses. He now brings an action to recover 550 more, claiming that his recovery did not take place within the time alleged by the officers of the sectety. Thirty years ago the town of Morrisania, now in the

Twenty third Ward, was part of the estate of Governeur Morris, and known as the Manor Farm. In 1848 it was divided into building lots and sold to a land company. At that time the nearest railroad station was at Williamsbridge. A German, whose name is not known to the police,

terilay morning, and was drowned. The body has not been re-covered. The man was about 38 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches in hight, and dressed in a gray suit of clothes, with a black feit hat. A State barge for the use of the Mexican Govern-

ment has just been completed by Johnson & Smith of No. 404
Water at. It is a life-hoat, 38 feet lone, fitted up with velvet
cushions, a silver canopy, and woodwork of ebony, rosewood,
and maple, and decorated outside with gibling and the national arms and standard. The cost is \$12,000. Prominent chess players in this city are consulting Prominent chess players in the visit with E. H. Bird, an English player, and with the Philadelphia Chess Club, as to having the interests of the game represented the same represented to the players in these seems to the Centennial. An inusual enthusiasm in these seems to been lately developed, and all chessmen feel the neces-of a more formally organized club, with stated headquar-than now exists.

O. H. Schreiner, recently eashier of the German-American Bank, says: "Shareholders and others have re-ceived notice that I have ceased to be cashier of the German-American Bank. These unexplained words were, it is charitable to presume, not intended to create doubts of my personal integrity. All interested will, however, learn the cause of this action before long, and for the present I will merely state that I claim to be a victim of injustice."

The following members of the Spanish Commission to the Centennial Exhibition arrived from Liverpool in the steamship China and are at the Grand Central Hotel: Col. steamship China and are at the Grand Centre. Force: Co. Lopez Fabria, Chief Commissioner; Alvaro de la Gandara, Director of the Department of Industry; Count del Donado, Director of the Department of Fine Aris; Joaquin Oliver, General Secretary, and Alfredo Escobar, Olicial Secretary to the Commission. They will remain in the city several days, or until a suitable residence is secured for them in Philadephia.

Even undertakers' shops, in some cases. Even indertakers shops, in some cases, see adorned with evergreens and other decorations which attracted the eye of the passer-by, on Saturday. There is no reason why the men who care for the dead should not enjoy a holiclay tegether with people who have a more cheerito occupation, but anything designed to give prominence to a coffin warehouse on Christinos is too much like the uncomfortable custom of the ancient Egyptians, who never gave a feast without a skeleton in full view, that they might not forget their receptible.

The following accidents were reported on Saturday : Michael Corceran, age 56, broke his leg by a fall on the day: Michael Corecta, age 36, broke his leg by a latton the sidewalk; John Higgins of No. 5 Vandewater-st., fell from his milk wagon, in Oliver-st., and was seriously injured; Thomas M. Heoks of No. 10 First-st., fell down stairs and broke his leg: Daniel Martin of Johnson st., Brooklyn, being intoxicated, fell from his truck in Whitshall-st., and received a compound fracture of his right leg; Itomaine Lozadzinsky of No. 191 Eldridge-st., was struck upon the head by a stone, thrown by some unknown person, and severel, injured. BROOKLYN.

During the past week the police made 578 arrests. The sparrows in the City Hali Park have been preted with fifty small houses for Winter quarters. John Nelson was arrested on Saturday, charged

with stealing a horse and wagon belonging to John Schroede Andrew Fuller's policy shop at No. 553 Fifth-ave. was closed by the police on Saturday. Fuller and seven others were arrested. A large number of what may be termed Christmas

accidents, resulting chiefly from celebrating too much with the aid of liquor, were reported yesterday.

At midnight of Saturday three boys escaped in their night clothes from the Truant House by tying sheet together and letting themselves drop from a window. Early in the morning they were seen by Officer Closs, who did not mistake them for ghosts, but took them to the station. John Gallagher, age 45, a driver on the Cros John Gallagher, Joe 10, a divise on the Crown and Hunter's Point ears, while fixing one of the traces on his cer on Saturday evening at Raymond and Willoughbyste, fell from the car and received a fracture of the kill. He was taken to the City Hospital in a dying condition.

The funeral of Mary Hide Barnes, wife of Demas

Barnes, the editor of The Argus, took place from her late residence at No. 88 First-place yesterday afternoon. The Residence Mr. Lyman, paster of the South Congregational Church, conducted the services, and among those present were Judge Neilson, Superintendent Campbell, ex-Judge Gale, and Thomas Kinseins. The foral offerings included an elegant broken column from The Argue office.

The Rink on Saturday evening was the scene of a freco-Roman wrestling match between William Miller of Australia and Louis Carteron of France, at the challenge of the ansima and the struggle between them was severe, and the men wen almost alternate falls, but in the end Miller came off vietor, by ing thrown Carteron upon his back three times out of five. It was reported that another match had been arranged between the two men, to be contested at an early day.

JERSEY CITY.

Michael Daley of Hoboken-ave., was arrested yes terday by Officer Thompson for inducing a boy 12 years of acc, named Carney Devine, to drink until he was betplessly intoxi-cated.

Frank McPhillips escaped from the Hudson County Penitentiary on Saturday morning, where he was serving a sentence, and was rearrested yesterday morning in The funeral of John Ayres, doorman of the First

Precinct Station house, who had been connected with the Jersey City police for 36 years, took place yesterday. The chief and captains, with a large body of police, accompanied the remains to New-York Bay Cemetery as a guard of homor. Charles Eilmore of No. 52 Sussex-st., the son of a respectable merchant in New York, was run over and killed at the Washington st. crossing on Saturday night. He was re-

turning from Newark and attempted to jump off while the train was in motion. He was unmarried and employed as assistant auditor in one of the city offices in New-York. NEWARK. Thomas Morrissy, a railroad laborer at Port Oram had his ankle broken on Saturday by a failing embankment. Frank Doremus of No. 583 Orange-st. was committed for trial on Saturday on the charge of fraud, preferred by Benjamin Frazec of Nv. 574 Broad st.

On Saturday night Policeman Donnelly attempted to separate a man and wife who were fighting in Jones st., when the husband struck him with a cinb, indicting a serious wound over the left eye.

A meeting of delegates from all the singing societies of this city was held yesterday to make arrangements for a concert at the Industrial Institute buildings, on Easter Monday, for the benefit of the German Hospital. John Kelly, age 14, who had twice escaped from

the Catholic Protectory, crept into a fireless furnace at the Zinc Works, on Thursday night, for shelter. The next morn-ing a weekman, who did not see him, placed a lamp on the grat-ing over him, which upset, and the burning fluid set fire to his ciothing, burning him scrionaly.

On Saturday night Leopold Weiss of No. 158 south Orange ave, was attacked, at Market and Shipman sta. by three men, who seized his watch and started to run away. Mr weiss caught one of them, who gave his name as Henry Mrrin of dirard-ave, Philadelphia. He asserted that he was no with the two men who escaped with the watch. NEW-JERSEY.

MORRIS PLAINS,-Invitations have been extended by the Commissioners of the new Insane Asylam at this place to the Governor, State officers, members of the Legislature, and prominent citizens to visit that institution on Wednesday.

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Vineland,—The trial of Landis for shooting Mr. Carruth, the Vineland editor, will not take place before the second week of the next torm of the court, which opens on Jan. 4.

Hoboken,—George Klattenhoff, proprietor of the Astor House, at Washington and Second sta, attempted to commit suicide on Saturday. He was about to shoot himself through the head with a loaded revolver, but Mr. Miller, President of the City Council, struck his hand up as he pulled the trager. The bullet grazed his head and burned itself in the wall of Way hatson's prevery on the opposite side of the street. The embarrassed state of Klattenhoff's affairs is supposed to have prompted him to attempt the deed.

HUDSON RIVER COUNTIES HUDSON RIVER COUNTIES.

Pelhamville.-In consequence of the unfavorable weather on Saturday, the shooting range of the American Rifle Association at Glen Drake, Westchester County, did not present such a lively scene se on Thanksgiving day. The 8th, 8th Regiment, and Sergeant F. Backefen of the 47th Regiment were the winners of first prizes. A match, open only to mem-hers, will be contested next Saturday, for a silver trophy valued at \$28.

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Stampoun.—Efforts are making to secure the annexation of Fisher's Island to the State of Connecticut.

LECTURES AND MEETINGS.

The Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church of Gustavus Adolphus, in East Twenty-second-st., is in need of larger resources, and Paul B. Du Chailin, the African explorer, has consented to give his lecture on "Wild Africa" for the benefit of the church this evening in the church building.

The Union Praise and Prayer Meeting in Dr. Bur-

chard's church, in Thirteenth at., near Seventh ave., yesterday was largely attended. The Rev. W. B. Merritt of the Union Reformed Church in Sixth.ave., led the meeting, and the Rev. Drs. Burchard, Page, Gresory, and Harrower, together with several laymen, took part in the exercises. Several of the Moody and Sankey hymns were sung. The depositors of the suspended Central Park

Savings Bank held a meeting on Saturday, at Brevoort Hall, Savings Bank held a meeting on Saturday, at Brevoort Hall, at Fifty-fourth st. and Third-ave. After a protracted discussion, a committee was appointed to wait on the receiver and get a statement of the condition of the bank. The conduct of Thomas Gearty, President, and John G. Carey, Vice-President, in the management of the bank was sharply criticised. It was started that the trustees had been derelict in their duties, and had not protected the interests of depositors. The committee were authorized to employ counsel, and to begin an investigation into the management.

POLICE NOTES. Stephen J. Lacey, age 60, of No. 390 Water-st., as found dead in his bed at 3 p. m. yesterday.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DISCUSSION AS TO GEN. PORTER'S SUCCESSOR-RUMORED NOMINATION OF E. P. BARKER.

The politicians have another "secret" to impart to each other confidentially. It is that the Mayor will send to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation the name of E. P. Barker as the successor of Gen. Fitz John Porter as Commissioner of Public Works. Mr. Barker is a Republican. He was Deputy Commissioner of Public Works under George M. Van Nort. He held a position noder the Central Park Commission for several years. When Gen. Porter succeeded Mr. Van Nort he was desirous that Mr. Barker should remain as Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for a time at least, he being ighly acquainted with the business of the depart ment. Mr. Barker, however, received an advantageous offer from a large dry goods house, and accepted it. He is acknowledged by leading Democrats as well as Republicans to be fully competent to fill the position of Commissioner of Public Works. What would be deemed as strange, and what could not be satisfactorily explained rank and file of the Democratic party in this city, is that a Democratic Mayor should send in for confirm tion to a Board of Aldermen having a large Democratic majority the name of a Republican as the head of the most important department, as seen from a politician's point of view, in the city.

It is believed by many that Commissioner of Emigration George J. Forrest could have the position if he would accept it. There is not much doubt of his confirmation if his name was sent to the Aidermen. There are others who believe that the project of sending in the name of Mr. Barker to the Aidermen is merely a clever ruse to retain Gen. Porter in his present position. It is argued that if the name of Gen. Porter is sent in for confirma tion and rejected, and the Mayor should not send in another name, Gen. Porter holding over till a nomination is confirmed, a loud outers would go up that the Mayor was setting himself up in opposition to the will of the representatives of the beople, whereas if the name of Mr. Barker, or some one clse, were sent in and rejected, the Mayor would have a good excuse for continuing Gen. Porter in office, on the ground that he had sent in the name of a good man for confirmation and it had been rejected. There are some members of the Board who sustain Gen. Porter in his action in reducing the laborers' wages, on the ground that the city has no right to pay more than private contractors. The most of these, however, are Kepublicans, and the majority would not vote for the confirmation of Gen. Porter because he is a Democrat. What the Mayor intends to do no one can certainly say. It is not even certain that he has decided what he will do, or whether he will send in to the present Board the name of a nominee, or wait until the new Board convenes. He has the option of doing either. Gen. Porter's term of office expires on Dec. 29, and the Mayor has ten days from that date in which to nominate his successor. tion and rejected, and the Mayor should not send in

SUNDAY CRIME IN BROOKLYN In a quarrel at the saloon of Joseph Walboth at No. 25 First-st., Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon, Peter Roatchey was cut across the wrist with a knife by Fran-

cis Mermat, who was arrested. A barroom quarrel resulted in the arrest of Benedict Dudley of No. 428 Atlantic-ave., Brooklyn, for assaulting Leopold Knopfle of No. 3 Willoughby-st, on the head with a beer glass, inflicting serious wounds.

An altereation occurred yesterday in Franklin's liquor tore, at Classon and Flushing-ave., between John Clark, John McCabe, and others. The proprietor ejected all of them, when McCabe and others assaulted Clark on the street. Being pursued by the crowd he fired a pistol, but hart no one. Clark and McCabe were both arrested. Last evening Detective Price arrested John Campion, peddler, on suspicion of having committed the burglary at the grocery of John Lankman at Kent-st. and Park

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